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HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Disinfection of mails from the leper settlement.

HONOLULU, H. I., October 1, 1900.

SIR: Referring to Bureau letter of September 4, 1900 (C. H. W.) (R. M. W.), relative to the disinfection of the mails from the leper settlement on the island of Molokoi, I have the honor to inform you that after consultation with the post-office authorities in Honolulu the following plan has been adopted instead of sending the mail to the quarantine station in order to avoid the delay and trouble incident to such a transfer. All mail from the leper settlement will be disinfected with sulphur dioxide (SO₂) at the settlement and then transferred directly to the steamer and received on board in clean and disinfected sacks furnished by the post-office authorities. On arrival at Honolulu the mail will be taken in these sacks directly to a room in the post-office, used for disinfection purposes, and disinfected with formaldehyd without removal from the sacks in which it was received on the steamer at the leper settlement. All letters are perforated, or the corners clipped, at the settlement before disinfection by SO₂.

It is considered that the plan outlined above is reasonably safe and that by its adoption any unnecessary delay will be avoided.

No case of leprosy has yet been discovered among the post-office employees, although nondisinfected mail from the leper settlement has been handled by them for many years.

Respectfully,

D. A. CARMICHAEL,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

HONDURAS.

Report from Puerto Cortez—Fruit port.

PUERTO CORTEZ, HONDURAS, October 12, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit my report for the week ended October 11, 1900, and inclose list of vessels inspected and cleared during the week. The health and sanitary condition of the port and adjacent country continue good; no deaths reported for the week.

Respectfully,

R. H. PETERS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

List of vessels inspected and cleared during the week ended October 11, 1900.

Date.	Vessel.	Master.	Crew.	Destination.	Number of passengers.	Number of pieces baggage disinfected.
Oct. 6	Steamship Fulton	Petterson.....	14	Mobile.....	.....	.....
Do...	Steamship Hiram.....	Pedersen.....	14	New Orleans.....	.....	.....
Oct. 8	Steamship Esther	Stevenson	17	.....do .....	.....	.....
Oct. 10	Steamship Foxhall.....	Lawson.....	31	.....do	5	6